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State investments in Walla Walla and Whatcom counties will boost new job creation, and evaluate future business growth through feasibility planning in Yakima County, as a result of actions taken at the July 21, 2005 meeting of the Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB).

## Port of Walla Walla



In Walla Walla County, the Port of Walla Walla received conditional approval for a \$800,000 loan and \$200,000 grant to help build an access road and other improvements to Port-owned property next to US Highway 12.

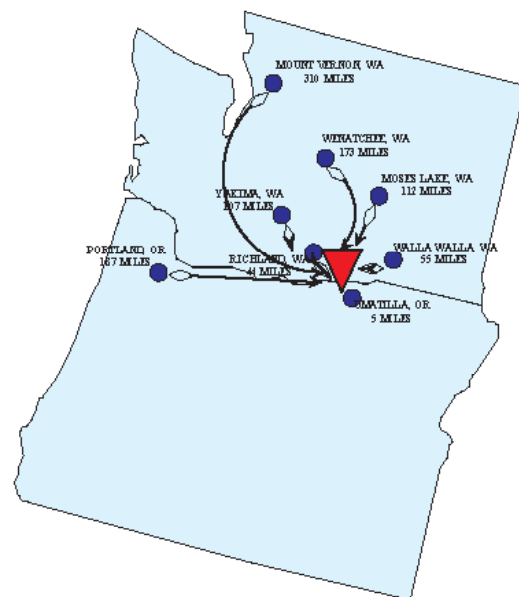
The Walla Walla County project supports a new Washington business, RailEx, LLC, a startup operation producing state-of-the-art fresh packaging facilities stretching from Maine to Florida. RailEx was created to meet

the need to transport fresh produce grown on the West Coast to the East Coast.

RailEx is expected to build a \$10 million facility and \$2.5 million "loop track" around Port property near the city of Pasco and community of Wallula. RailEx estimates 148 full-time jobs will be created at wages that exceed the average annual Walla Walla County salary. The CERB investment is contingent upon the RailEx development moving forward.

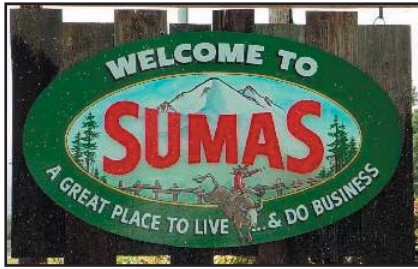
*"This project solves a major transportation problem that has plagued the Washington State fresh produce industry for years. It will give growers in our state a consistent transportation supply option to get their fresh produce to East Coast customers,"* According to Ken Jantz, Port of Walla Walla Commission President.

The CERB investment will be matched with \$1.03 million in additional public project costs funded by the Port of Walla Walla, and other sources. Annual state and local tax revenues from the project are estimated at \$1,483,064.



Projected draw of fresh produce shipped by RailEx

## City of Sumas



weight trucks, carrying 25 percent more green lumber than trucks can haul on US roads, into the Sumas industrial area for value-added processing.

The immediate need for this road is to provide access to SOCCO Forest Products, a company that kiln-dries green



lumber, which is expected to build another kiln to handle high volume of increased demand. The CERB investment is contingent upon SOCCO Forest Products proceeding with the dry kiln expansion.

The heavy-haul road improvement will trigger the creation of 96 direct jobs by the value-added forest product companies currently in the Sumas industrial area and an estimated 170 future jobs projected to occur as a result of new industrial property opened up with the road improvements. Annual salaries of the new jobs created exceed the Whatcom County annual average salary.

Annual state and local tax revenues from the project are estimated at \$164,020. The CERB investment is matched by \$441,710 from local and private sources for public project improvements.



Sumas Industrial Area showing new heavy haul road placement

## Port of Sunnyside



In Yakima County, the Port of Sunnyside received conditional approval of a \$45,000 grant to conduct a feasibility study on the Port of Sunnyside's 106-acre East Edison Industrial Park.

The East Edison Industrial Park has been approved as a Planned Unit Development Zone by the City of Sunnyside, granting it industrial, commercial and retail zoning. The project is an extension of the Yakima County "Quick Sites Project" aimed at getting industrial lands ready for development.

*"The Port is excited to move forward on this planning project as a key element of good economic growth is good planning. CERB is an excellent partner in economic development projects and we look forward to working together again in the future,"* said Amber Hansen, Port of Sunnyside manager.

The CERB investment is matched with \$23,000 from local sources.



The Sunnyside Community

## CERB Board Members and Staff July 2005



Vicki Gordon, George Raiter, Senator Eide, Dara Fredericksen, Representative Newhouse

CERB members and staff gathered for a Policy Retreat in SeaTac, WA on July 20, 2005.

### Upcoming CERB Meetings

September 15, 2005

November 17, 2005  
(Applications due October 3, 2005)

January 19, 2006  
(Applications due December 5, 2005)

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Small Business Representative

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CERB is a state economic development resource strategically focused to help business and industry create and retain jobs in partnership with local communities.

CERB provides financing for construction of public facilities that support private sector development and increased employment opportunities.

Management support is provided by Community, Trade & Economic Development, Washington's lead agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable economic vitality throughout the state.

Communities with potential projects are encouraged to contact CERB staff at 360.725.4058 or by email to KateR@cted.wa.gov

